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Grant to the Corporation of Madras for anti-malarial work.

* 846 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken steps to sanction a grant of Rs. 20,000 to the Madras Corporation for anti-malarial work as recommended by the Madras City High Mortality Committee (paragraph 19 on page 25 of Part I of their Report)?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Education

Boarding grants to Indian and European boarding houses.

* 847 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether according to G.O. No. 1542, Law (Education), dated 4th September 1925, boarding grants are given to orphanages only in the case of Indians and to boarding houses in the case of Europeans; and

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of giving grants to Indian boarding houses which take in children other than orphans as in the case of European boarding houses?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules in Chapter XI of the Grant-in aid Code. Boarding grants are intended for orphan as well as non-orphan destitutes in Indian orphanages and boarding houses.

Boarding grants to European schools are governed by the rules in the Code of Regulations for European schools.

The number of South Kanara students reading in the Arts Colleges.

* 848 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the approximate number of South Kanara students now reading in the Arts Colleges in Madras, Trichinopoly, Trivandrum and other colleges in the Province.

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I ask the hon. Minister to call for the information as far as it is available?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I shall try to call for the information but it is very difficult to find out the number of students from a particular district reading in the various colleges mentioned by the hon. Member."

Scales of pay of Deputy Inspectors of Schools and of School Assistants.

* 849 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : With reference to the answer to clause (*g*) of question No. 822 put at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 31st March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have since been passed restoring the scale of pay of Rs. 100—5—150—10—250 to Deputy Inspectors of Schools and School Assistants; and

(*b*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative, when orders restoring the scale are likely to be issued?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for the revision of the scales of pay of Deputy Inspectors of Schools and of School Assistants are under the consideration of Government.

Libraries

Removal of the University Library from the Connemara Library and progress in the construction of the University Library buildings.

*850 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the foundation stone for the University Library buildings was laid, and how much money has been sanctioned for the same, and what has been done with the said sum of money;

(*b*) what practical steps have so far been taken by the University for the construction of the University Library buildings and for shifting their library from the premises of the Connemara Library; if no steps have been taken, why not; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to see that the University authorities make early arrangements for the construction and removal of their library from the Connemara Library premises so as to relieve congestion in the said premises and to avert damage to books?

A.—(*a*) The foundation stone on the 'Marine Villa' site was laid by the Vice-Chancellor on the 27th August 1926. The grants given for the construction of the buildings by the Government of India and the Local Government in 1913 amounted to Rs. 6·24 lakhs. This sum, together with the interest thereon, has now increased nearly to Rs. 12 lakhs and has been set apart for expenditure on the construction of the buildings.

(*b*) The Marine Villa site was handed over by Government to the University in 1923 for the construction of the University Library buildings. Block plans and estimates for the buildings have been prepared and approved by the Syndicate and detailed plans and estimates are under preparation. The University originally expected to shift its library from the premises of the Connemara Public Library in December 1928 on the assumption that the new building scheme would have proceeded so far as to permit of the transfer of the library by that time. The Marine Villa site has since been declared by the Chief Engineer to be unsuitable and the University is considering the question of securing another site for the construction of the library buildings.

(*c*) The need for an early removal of the University library from the Connemara Library premises has already been brought to the notice of the University authorities.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, the reason for this inordinate delay in erecting the building for the University library?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I think the various stages and the difficulties at each stage are mentioned in the answer already given."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"I wish to know the particular cause for this delay, Sir."